

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Fig. 5 with the enclosed Fig. 5. The new Fig. corrects reference number 28, which is element 24.

Please amend the paragraph starting on line 8 of page 36 by striking the reference number 105, as follows:

From the labeler 95, the pieces are conveyed to a stacker 110 where the mail is discharged into one of a plurality of bins. However, before discharging the mail, it may be desirable to scan the finished pieces to ensure that the labels were properly printed and applied. Accordingly, optionally the device includes a verifier 100 for verifying the mail. In the present instance, the verifier 100 is configured substantially similar to the reader 80, using a line scan camera 102 to scan the pieces as they are conveyed along a conveyor 105. The verifier 100 scans the pieces to ensure that the postage labels are correct, and then may discard the image data. Alternatively, the images for the pieces may be exported and stored on a non-volatile medium such as a hard disk, CD or magnetic tape. The image for a piece can then be accessed later if desired. In this way, an image of the piece as it appears right before being mailed can be stored in case a problem occurs during shipping (i.e. the piece gets lost in the mail). When the image data is exported, the image data for a piece includes the image data for the address and applied label of the piece.